

MINUTES

Bob Warren called the Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

THOSE MEMBERS PRESENT WERE:

Roger Tackett	Tom Junk	Nancy Brown	David Locke
Kent Sherry	Bruce Smith	Bob Bender	Jim Mann
Herb Greer	David Hartley	Kevin O'Neill	Alan Thompson
Paul Wilson	Leo Shanayda	Geoff Steele	Kathy Estep
Marjorie Travis	John Sessler	Sarah Wildman	Clifford Vernon

THOSE ALTERNATES PRESENT WERE:

Matt Parrill	Glen Massie	Bill Carey	Lt. Don Lucas
Pat Sullivan	Doug Nist	Michelle Noble	

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Joyce Davis	Eric Ottoson	Thea Walsh	Scott Schmid
Lamar Daniel	Bill Salyers	Brian Mercer	Zach Balassone
Julie Beard	Larry Himes		

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Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by David Hartley, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2008 meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORTING

Budget Status & Cash on Hand Report

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Leo Shanayda, to approve the Budget Status and Cash on Hand Report.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Summary of Expense

Motion by Sarah Wildman, seconded by David Hartley, to approve the expenditures in the amount \$51,360.13.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING UPDATE**Draft - 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan**

Thea Walsh stated that the TCC staff has presented multiple pieces of the draft 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan to the members of the TCC. On November 9, 2007 the staff talked about a project list and public involvement meetings that the staff was doing at that time. On January 11, 2008 staff presented about Air Quality. In the March 14, 2008 meeting staff talked about the financial forecast. Today will be presenting Goals, Objectives and Public Involvement. Next month the staff will bring the final plan to the board for adoption. The draft is on our website or you can request a hard copy. TCC is excepting comments on the plan until April 18, 2008. A final version will be mailed to you in your TCC packet and a resolution adoption will be done at the May 9, 2008 TCC meeting.

The goals that TCC uses in the Transportation Plan are from the Crossroads Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The transportation goal is to restore, maintain, develop and operate an inclusive multi-modal system with sensitivity to land use relationships. The Transportation objectives are: preserve and maintain existing transportation infrastructure; target the transportation system to gain economic advantage; balance fiscal needs against anticipated revenues; and enhance the quality of life. These goals go with the Land Use Plan and the TCC staff also uses these goals in the Transportation Plan.

Scott Schmid stated that he would go over the public involvement for the Long Range Transportation Plan. There were three public involvement meetings. The first meeting was on a Monday at Clark County Public Library in the Gaier Room. It was held early afternoon and it was downtown. There were seven people that show up. There was one comment regarding pedestrians on Plum Street. A Tuesday meeting was held at the Springview Government Center and was from 5:00 p.m. To 7:00 p.m. There were four people that attended. No comments were received. The third public meeting was held at the New Carlisle Smith Park from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There were three people who attended. No comments were received.

Draft – FY09 Planning Work Program

Thea Walsh stated that next month for adoption will be FY09 Planning Work Program. Right now it is in draft format. It is on the TCC website. Attached to your agenda is a summary of all the work elements and the work task. If you have any questions or comments please submit them by April 18, 2008. TCC would like to get the Planning Work Program in a final version for next meeting. She presented the notable activities that will be going on in FY09 including: a TIP update, continuation of

the Safe Routes to Schools Program planning assistance as available from the State, the Regional Freight Study with WESTCO and coordination on Land Use Corridor Study Coordination. This will be the first time that land use planning assistance will have its own work element. The Historic National Road Interpretive Signage Plan Implementation will be solely in Clark County. The Air Pollution Advisory Program and the Rideshare Program will have increased marketing. The staff will be involved with more Transit Coordination activities, the new grant programs you will hear about from Eric Ottoson. OPWC District 11 could potentially have more duties under the Ohio Jobs Package. The total FY09 financial responsibility is \$903,236.00. The FY 08 draft total was \$842,449.70.

Thea stated that she would like to go over the local planning outlook. The local grant match that come from the County Engineer, the County, City, WESTCO and New Carlisle they all put into that. It is approximately \$56,098.60. A special project match set aside of local money that is not being match toward any federal or state grants is \$60,000 and it is for SR 794 project. There are grants in the amount of \$789,137.40. Our programs are run on grants. 13% of the funding is local fund and 87% grants.

Thea stated that the Cost Allocation Plan based on FY 07 the last audited year needs to be approved by ODOT office of Audit. They have not done that yet. The fringe benefit rate will be 55.48% and our indirect rate will be 82.21% a 123.07% total overhead cost.

It is all still in draft form. Comment deadline is April 18, 2008. Final revisions reviewed and Resolution to adopt the program on May 9, 2008. Draft Planning Work Program is on our website and you can call our office if you would like to have a hard copy.

New Transit Grant Programs – Proposals

Eric Ottoson stated that there is two items to talk about the transit grants. TCC put in a request in December, 2007 to the National Center on Senior Transportation. There was grant opportunity. It was limited amount of money. There were 314 agencies Nationwide who applied for this money. There were only 8 that were selected. The grants were from \$35,000 to \$90,000. TCC was not one of the agencies that got the money.

Eric presented the new transit grants that are federal programs opportunities. There is Job Access Reverse Commute Grant (JARC) this is transportation for low income people to get to jobs and job related activities. These funds would be for operating, capital and planning. The other program is the New Freedoms Program. It is an expansion of the existing ADA Paratransit which is presently provided by the Springfield City Area Transit (SCAT). There is operating and capital funds available. There are no planning funds available in the New Freedoms program. With our size TCC is considered under the Small Urban Program. It is funded by the Federal Transit Administration. It is managed by Ohio Department of Transportation. Local match you can use any other non-Department of Transportation federal funds. Program funds could be used for fares. ODOT funds that were available for FY 06 was \$576,222 and \$367,613 and FY 07 was \$675,417 and \$457,927.

Eric stated that he had meetings with Clark County Department, MR/DD, Mueller Center, Elderly United, Salvation Army and many more. The application needs to be submitted by April 30, 2008. ODOT is changing the funds around and what time period that money can be used.

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by Leo Shanayda, for the TCC members to authorize the staff to move forward writing JARC and New Freedoms transit grants.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

WESTCO – Track Rehab. In South Charleston

Larry Himes stated attached to the last page of the agenda is a summary of a request by the Board of Fayette County on the behalf of the WESTCO Port Authority for federal funding to rehabilitate the South Charleston line south of Springfield between Possum Road and Ridge Road and extends to south to Washington C.H.. The rehabilitation would involve installing about 20,000 new cross ties and replacing some of the grade crossing. The cost is \$2,011,000. The Board of Clark County Commissioners endorses the proposal and has submitted a letter to that affect.

Motion by Alan Thompson, seconded by David Hartley, for TCC to endorse and support WESTCO's Federal Earmark request for the rehabilitation of 27 miles of track near South Charleston.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Other

Thea Walsh stated that she would like to talk about the I-70 widening project. The project cost to widen I-70 from Enon Road to U.S. 40 will cost \$75,000,000. The TRAC tier 1 commitment under ODOT's major new program is \$17.5 in 2016. Montgomery County and Madison County along I-70 have both been widened to the three lanes. Because Clark County has not been widened this will cause a "bottleneck".

Thea Walsh stated that this project has universal support from the community. They want TCC to ask Congressman Hobson for a congressional earmark. In the hopes to attach this project it might make the project more of a state level priority. In the hopes that it would move the project up in time. The amount of money being requested is \$5,000,000.

Motion by Bruce Smith, seconded by Bob Bender, to request \$5,000,000 in a Federal Earmark for the I-70 widening project in Clark County.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD UPDATE

Highway

Matt Parrill announced that ODOT has started their 2008 construction season. One of the projects is the I-70 concrete section. Be careful with construction work and slow down.

Bruce Smith noted that there was a mistake in last months minutes and that Paul Debuty should have been the member speaking about a project instead of Paul Wilson. Paul should have mentioned the guardrail project bids coming on April 18, 2008. The bids are delay by one week to April 25, 2008.

Leo Shanayda stated that the Sherman Avenue Bridge is coming along. The contractor poured the deck last week. There are two projects with pending bid openings Lagonda Avenue and the City Streets Paving Package.

Transit

Glen Massie reported that there were 38,194 trips for a 1.1% decrease over March 2008. SCAT provided 491 Paratransit trips for a 20% increase. There were 282 for Dial-A-Ride.

Railroad

Alan Thompson stated that WESTCO put together a working group representative the Clark, Champaign and Fayette County Commissioners and couple of members of the WESTCO Board and representatives of the shippers trying to work through an updated maintenance schedule. The railroad cost goes up about 10% a year and our funding is flat. WESTCO is addressing economic development in the area that relates to the rail.

Trail

No Report.

Officials and Others

Roger Tackett reported that they are trying to do a lot of things quickly related to the federal government. Congressman Hobson will be leaving this year. The I-70 project and WESTCO project is being worked on. He announced the deadline for the village officials and the township trustees to return their CDBG applications. He stated that he is looking forward to the infrastructure program that the Governor and the State legislature are proposing.

Kevin O'Neil reported that one building has been torn down to make room for the new hospital. The City is also endorsing what the widening of I-70.

Herb Greer reported that the old E-Check will become the new fire house in Springfield Township.

Adjournment

Motion by Herb Greer, seconded by David Hartley, to adjourn the TCC meeting.

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

The TCC meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Warren
Chairman